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AMENDMENT C WITH RCE

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed August 22, 2002.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C are cross-sectional views for explaining a second_prior art method for manufacturing a semiconductor device;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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